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PERSIAN SILVER SIGLOS, c. 521-330 BC

Wacks #2. Features the Persian "King of Kings" in running position, holding weapons. This was the first portrayal of a living person on a coin! Important as the only coin actually mentioned in the Old Testament (see Ezra 2:68-69). These were also the coins used in Queen Esther's time to bribe the king not to kill her fellow Jews.



HASMONEAN BRONZE LEPTON, c. 135-40 BC

Wacks #9-16. Features the name of the Maccabean king with his title of High Priest, in ancient Hebrew. The famous Widow's Mite could have been one of these or one of the following leptons minted by the Herodians or Procurators.



NOTE: BESIDES THEIR GREAT EDUCATIONAL VALUE, COINS OF THE BIBLE ALSO HAVE AN EXCELLENT HISTORY OF PRICE APPRECIATION!

HEROD THE GREAT, 37-4 BC, Wacks #30

Bronze lepton of the cruel despot who had most of his family murdered. It was said that it was "better to be Herod's pigs than his children!" Herod's father had converted to Judaism, however the coins feature only Greek legends rather than Hebrew.

PROCURATOR BRONZE LEPTON, 5-59 AD, Wacks #42-61

You'll probably receive a coin of Felix who "sent for Paul, and heard him concerning the faith in Christ" (Acts 24:24). Or perhaps a coin of Gratus, who appointed Caiaphas as High Priest (see John 18:3). Or even a coin of the infamous Pontius Pilate! Featured are palm trees and branches, symbolic of ancient Judaea. The inscriptions contain the names of the Roman Emperors - Tiberius, Claudius, Nero, etc.

HEROD AGRIPPA I LEPTON, 42/43 AD, Wacks #37

Agrippa was descended from both the Maccabees through his grandmother Miriam, and the Herodian line through his grandfather Herod the Great. It was Herod Agrippa who "stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the church. And he killed James the brother of John with the sword. And ... he proceeded further to take Peter also" (Acts 12:1-3). The umbrella is the symbol of royalty; three grains of barley are featured on the reverse. This is the only coin of Agrippa to be used among the Jewish population of Judaea, as his other coins contained forbidden portraits.

FIRST REVOLT BRONZE PRUTAH, 67-69 AD, Wacks #73-74

Significant as the first coin to carry the word "Zion." The fluted vessel was evidently modelled from one used in the great Temple. Hebrew inscription "The Deliverance of Zion." It's amazing that the tiny Jewish nation was able to challenge the might of Rome for over four years!

SECOND REVOLT BRONZE, 134/135 AD, Wacks #90

This medium sized bronze features a 7-branched palm tree, which probably represented the holy 7-branched Temple Menorah. Beneath the tree is the Hebrew name "Simon" for Simon Bar Kochba, the leader of the revolt, who had been proclaimed the Messiah by Rabbi Akiba. The obverse legend reads "For the Freedom of Jerusalem," surrounding a vine leaf.

PALESTINIAN CITY COIN, after 70 AD, see Wacks #102-114

Issued by the Romans after the end of the First Revolt as they took complete control over Jerusalem and other cities of the Holy Land. The head of the Roman Emperor is featured along with the name of the city. All are scarce.

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